

BIRDS: VERIFYING DOCUMENTATION OF
AN EXTRAORDINARY SIGHT RECORD

1. Species Connecticut Warbler 2. Number 1 probably 2
3. Location Sunken Grove, IA
4. Date: 5-18-80 5. Time Bird Seen: 11:45 to (15 sec)
6. Description of size, shape and color-pattern (describe in great detail all parts of the plumage, and beak and feet coloration, in addition, to the diagnostic characteristics, but include only what actually was seen in the field):
Gray headed yellow warbler with a definite and complete white eye ring, no spectacle, Bill was yellowish from base to about $\frac{2}{3}$ l'd's of the length.
7. Description of voice, if heard: NO
8. Description of behavior: Flushed from heavy ground cover to dead weed branch - after a brief pause bird dropped back down into the ground cover. Subsequent flushings of one and sometimes two birds only caused it to fly and drop back into the ground cover.
9. Habitat - general: specific: Mature deciduous forest with heavy ground cover but little secondary growth.
10. Similarly appearing species which are eliminated by questions 6, 7, & 8.
Explain: Mourning, Mac Gillivray's, and Nashville
11. Distance (how measured)? Est, 12. Optical equipment: 7x35 at 10 yds
13. Light (sky, light on bird, position of sun in relation to bird and you):
overcast, good, N/A
14. Previous experience with this species and similarly appearing species:
Have seen many Nashville and regularly see mournings each migration
15. Other observers: Wallace Jardine and Judy Carlson
16. Did the others agree with your identification? Yes
17. Other observers who independently identified this bird: N/A
18. Books, illustrations and advice consulted, and how did these influence this description: N. American Birds
19. How long after observing this bird did you first write this description? 6 hrs
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